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Decision to Proceed

The Executive of King County has made a "Decision to Proceed" with the Agency Action, as described below.

Proposal Name

Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project

Proposal Description

King County Water and Land Resources Division's Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project will restore in-stream and riparian habitat on both banks of the Snoqualmie River downstream of Fall City by reconnecting approximately 145 acres of floodplain, reducing flood and erosion risk, and providing benefits to agriculture. The project reach is approximately one mile long and the footprint covers approximately 150 acres. The proposal includes removal of 1,400 ft of the right bank Haffner Revetment and 1,300 ft of the left bank Barfuse Levee, setting back about 1,400 ft of Neal Road a minimum of 200 ft from the river's edge, new setback protection for Neal Road, boundary protection in the form of a berm on the upper terrace of the left bank, and floodplain grading. The project will improve connection to an existing side channel enhancing 0.3 miles of side channel on the left bank and create a 0.55-mile-long side channel on the right bank.

King County issued a Determination of Non-Significance for the Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project and has fully complied with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) as required under WAC 197-11 and RCW 43.21C.

The Responsible Official has considered the DNS for the Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project and finds it adequate for purposes of making this Decision to Proceed with the Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project.

This Decision to Proceed constitutes a final decision for purposes of appeal of King County's compliance with SEPA. The Executive authorizes the publication and filing of a Notice of Action pursuant to RCW 43.21C.080. Any judicial appeal must be brought by March 19, 2021 and in the manner specified in RCW 42.21C.080.

Agency Action

King County will now move forward with design, permitting and construction of the Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project.

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